

WATERBIRD MONITORING PROGRAMME AT THE MAI PO INNER DEEP BAY RAMSAR SITE

Programme 2004/05

Winter Count

November 2004

Summary Report – November 2004

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The November 2004 waterbird count was scheduled on the 14th. The count covered all areas in the Ramsar Site and the Deep Bay area, including Futian National Nature Reserve, Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, China. Starting from November, we have also included survey result of the Hong Kong Wetland Park at Tin Shui Wai by AFCD to this Waterbird Monitoring Programme.

A total of 24,991 waterbirds were recorded in the Deep Bay area, of which 18,197 (73%) were counted in Ramsar Site. The largest group comprised ducks, grebes and pelicans (7,205 in Deep Bay area, 29%) and the second group is waders (6,033 in Deep Bay, 24%). The number of the group “ducks, grebes and pelicans” (7,205) is similar to that of the previous year (2003: 7,242). The number of waders is about 40% more compare to that of the previous year (2003: 4,296).

A comparison with previous years' counts and the average for the month is provided in Table 1. It shows the number of waterbird of this count in Deep Bay area is higher than the figure in 2003 but still lower than the average figure, while the number in Ramsar Site is still slightly lower than the average figure.

Table 1. November waterbird counts 2000-2004.

October	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Average*	Std. Dev.*
Deep Bay area	29,553	24,601	34,488	21,303	24,991	27,554	4,368
Ramsar Site	17,411	17,380	25,765	18,061	18,197	19,802	3,051

* Figures of average and the SD are calculated from the count since 1998 to the latest count.

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Counts of Waterbirds in November 2004

SPECIES	SRA	SRB	DBA	DBB	DBC	DBD	DBE	DBF (TBT)	NW / LFS	WEP	TKC	LC	TSW	MPST	ST	MPNR	Ramsar ponds	Ramsar intertidal areas	Ramsar Site	DEEP BAY AREA	Shuen Wan	Starling Inlet
Little Grebe	15	39	2					33		7	36	0	10	4	14	18	47	2	67	178		7
Great Cormorant	84	180	620		48	150	15	152		1	0	0	14	324	20	1392	447	233	2072	3000	4	58
Grey Heron	104	49	170	4	70	27	38	67	7	6	3	3	11	27	18	554	67	148	769	1158		40
Purple Heron																	2		2			
Great Egret	43	15	743	131	200	103	450	70	32	7	2	0	9	4	38	211	42	900	1153	2058	132	250
Intermediate Egret	3	0						0		2	1	0	1	0	0	5	2	0	7	12		1
Little Egret	9	55	1621	162	50	127	75	220	24	6	9	6	240	17	45	99	441	428	968	2765	12	83
Cattle Egret	0	5						32			0	0	0	57	0	2	88	0	90	96		10
Chinese Pond Heron	17	19	92	4				9	4	9	15	0	9	13	28	21	35	4	60	240	8	12
Striated Heron	0	0						0			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1		
B-c Night Heron	0	1	10					0		1	0	0	0	14	0	5	14	0	19	31	3	6
Eurasian Spoonbill			1													0			0	1		
Black-faced Spoonbill	5		19													141			141	165		
Eurasian Wigeon	13	16	274		40		3	0			0	0	0	0	0	295	0	43	338	641		
Common Teal	34	14						100			1	4	0	0	0	75	17	65	157	228		48
Chinese Spotbill																6			6	6		
Northern Pintail		8		400	150		40									329		590	919	927		
Garganey	2															39			39	41		
Northern Shoveler	1	2	820	1000	370		270	80								57		1720	1777	2600		
Tufted Duck		3														1			1	4		
Duck sp.				600	410	1200	370									0		2580	2580	2580		
White-breasted Waterhen	0	2	4					4			1	0	0	2	0	1	4	0	5	14	1	
Common Moorhen	20	44	12					10		1	15	0	0	5	3	27	28	0	55	137		2
Eurasian Coot	1															5			5	6		
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	1															0			0	1		
Black-winged Stilt	9		22					4			2		1		14	0	3		3	52		
Pied Avocet			800	57												0		57	57	857		
Northern Lapwing																2			2	2		
Grey Plover				40												0		40	40	40		
Little Ringed Plover	30	24	20					0			20	9	0	0	6	0	29	0	29	109		21
Kentish Plover			5	390												0		390	390	395		10
Black-tailed Godwit				200												0		200	200	200		
Eurasian Curlew				40												0		40	40	40		
Spotted Redshank	3										2					0	2		2	5		
Common Redshank			1													0			0	1		
Marsh Sandpiper				400							1					0	1	400	401	401		
Common Greenshank	1		62							1						2			2	66		
Green Sandpiper	2	9						2			4	5	2	0	1	2	13	0	15	27		1
Wood Sandpiper	17	22						5		4	16	0	0	0	2	2	16	5	23	68		1
Common Sandpiper	3	6	24					6			13	13	10	2	5	3	39	0	42	85	2	1
Pintail Snipe		1														0			0	1		
Common Snipe	2	10	10							7	7					1	0	7	7	37		

